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In re Application of:

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Davidson et al.

Application No. 10/644,550

DECISION GRANTING

Filed: August 21, 2003 Title of Invention: STENT WITH

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR

BIFURCATED VESSELS

This is in response to a Petition under 37 CFR 1.47, filed March 17, 2004, to allow the other inventor(s) to proceed with the application on behalf of himself or herself and the nonsigning inventor. The petition is properly treated under 37 CFR 1.47(a)

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventors, Eitan Konstantino and Tanhum Feld, refuse to join in the application.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the Petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for continued processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.

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